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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Hazards: No Significant Weather Impacts.**

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# Key Points



## Today and Sunday

- No significant weather impacts expected throughout the Region






## Monday through Wednesday

- Thunderstorm activity increases on Monday across New Mexico and portions of the TX/OK Panhandles, as well as W & NW Texas
  - Severe Weather threat remains relatively low, but a few strong storms and heavy rainfall possible across eastern NM, the TX/OK Panhandles and into far west TX
- Activity looks to move into Oklahoma and Central Texas on Tuesday, and continue across most of Texas and Oklahoma on Wednesday
  - Could see heavier rain Tuesday into Wednesday over portions of central OK and into N-Central TX

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

## May 2, 2015 - May 6, 2015

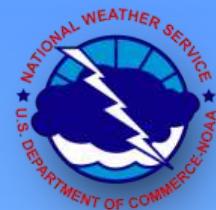
DAY/ THREAT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Severe Storms			TX/OK Panhandles, E NM, W TX	TX/OK Panhandles, N-Central TX, OK	OK, Central TX
Heavy Rain /Flooding			E & SE NM, South Plains of TX	TX Panhandle, Central OK	N-Central and Central TX
Fire					
Winter					

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*We are experimenting with a new color scale to the left as of April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please provide feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov). See next slide for more details.*



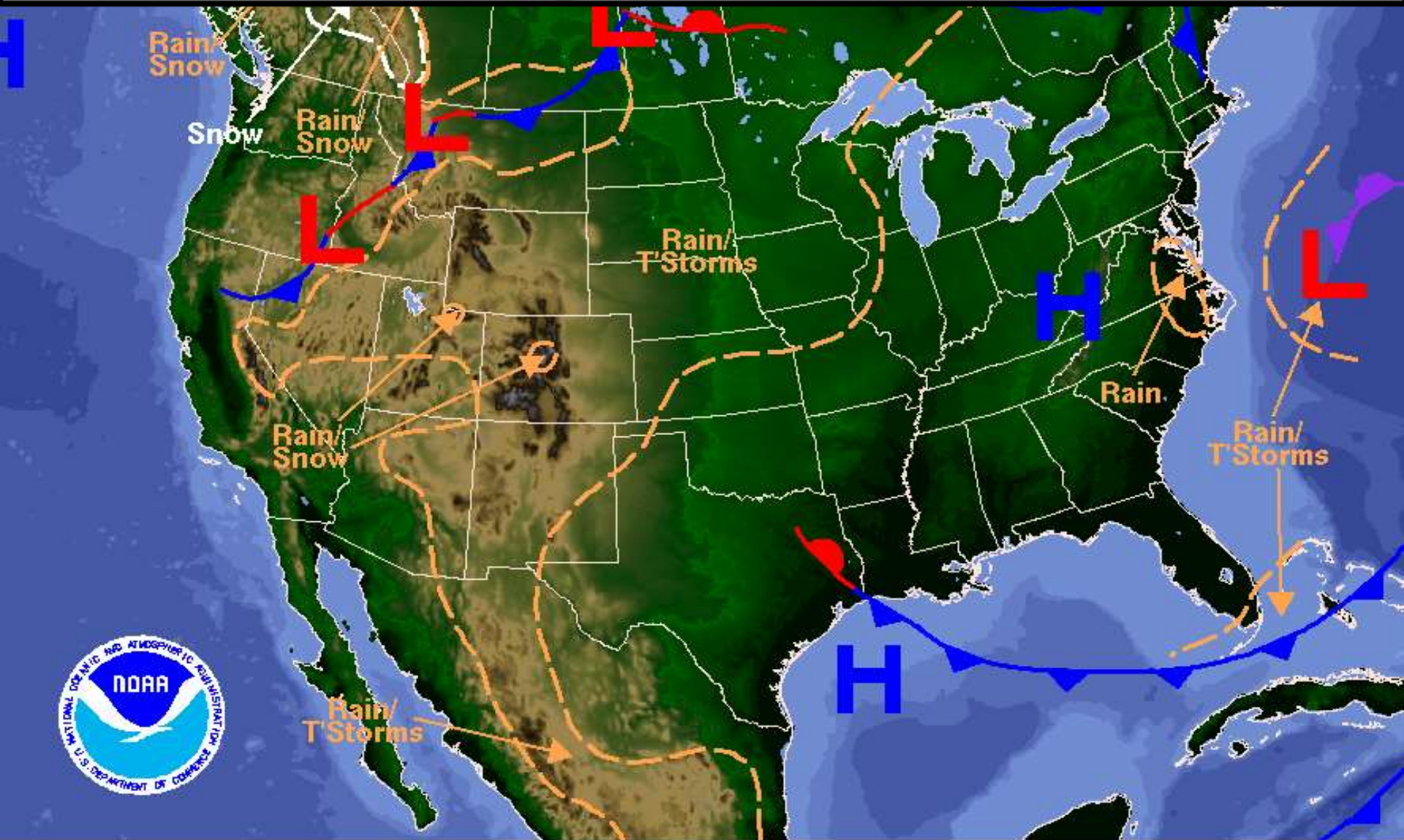
**We are experimenting with a new color scale in these briefings, starting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The criteria is below, please provide your feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov) and we plan to re-evaluate in the coming months.**



**Weather "Threat" Matrix**

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
<b>Green</b>	<b>Very Common – Happens Often</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> </ul>
<b>Red</b>	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> </ul>
<b>Purple</b>	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

# Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Sat, May 02, 2015, issued 4:01 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

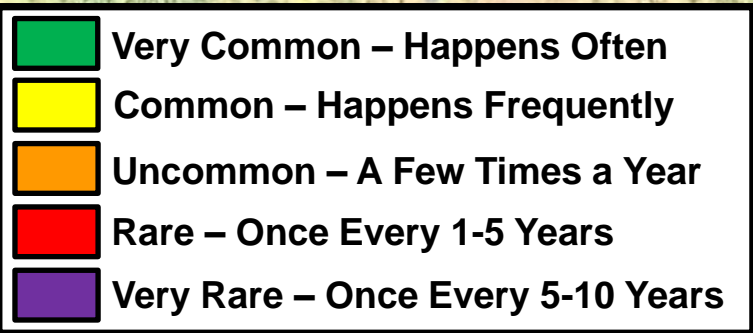
# Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Sun



**No Significant  
Weather Impacts**

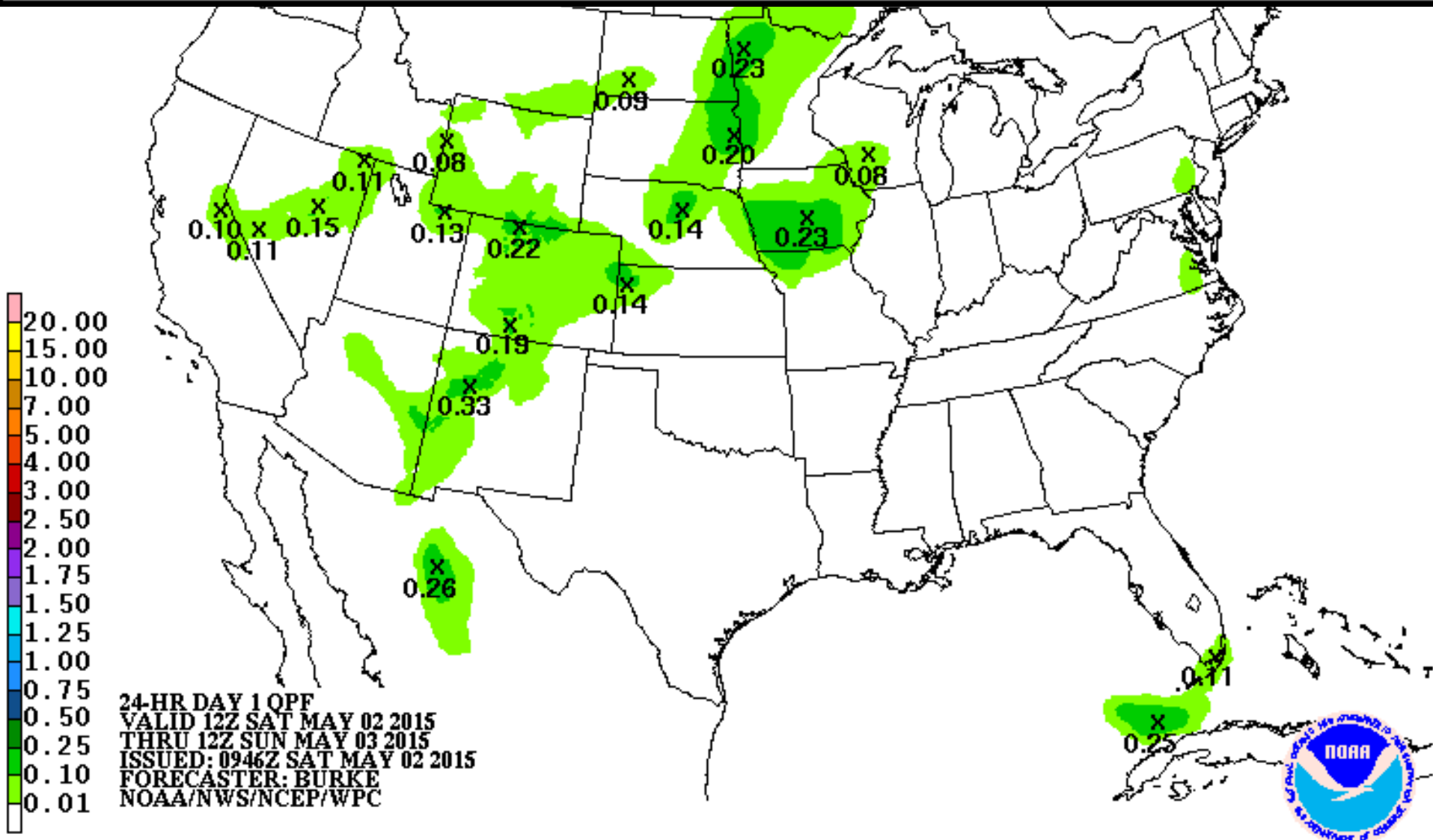
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possible today



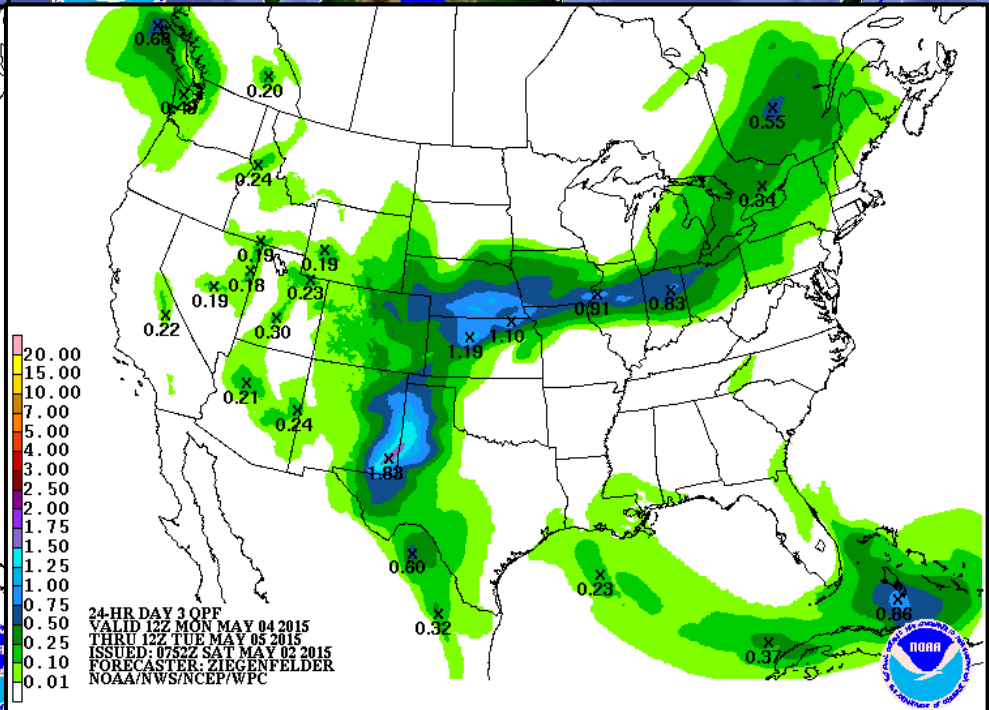
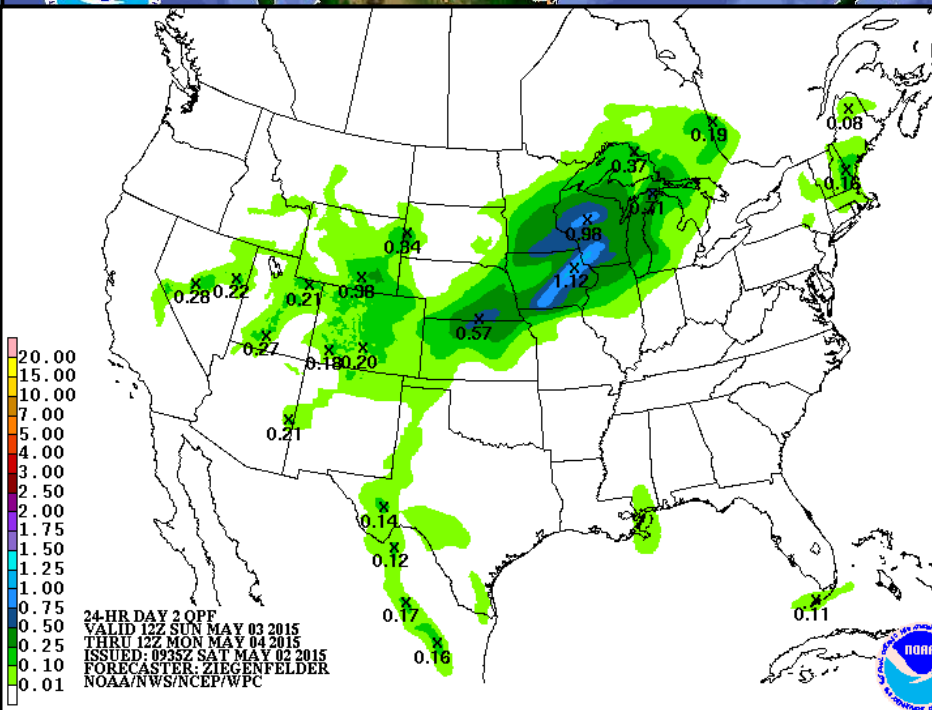
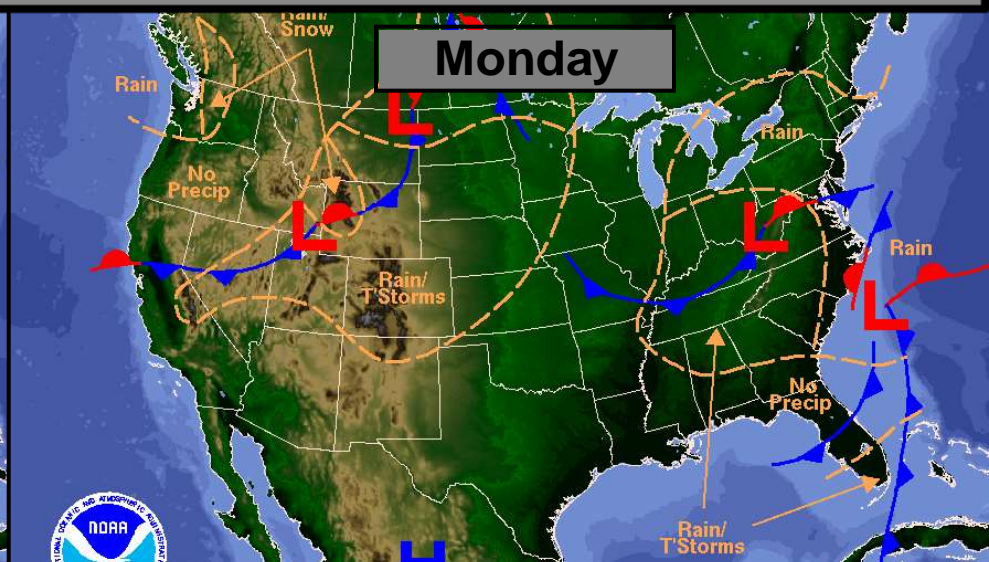
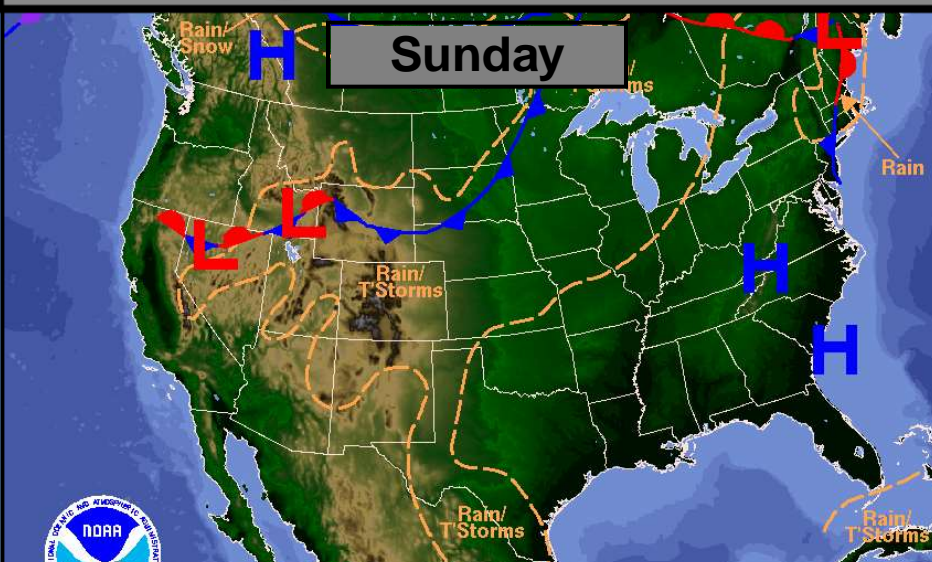
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# Today's Precipitation

## Sat AM - Sun AM



# Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation

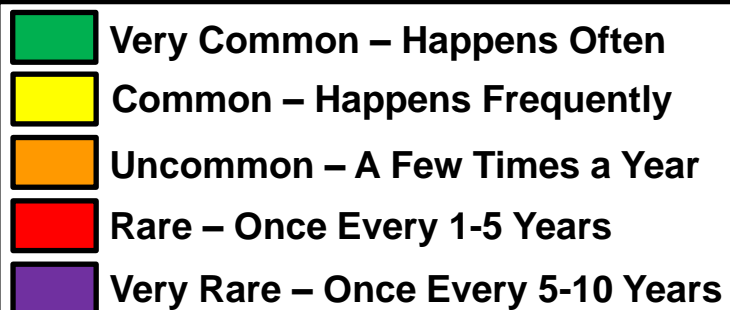


# Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



Thunderstorm activity expected on Monday; a few strong storms and heavy rainfall possible



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# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

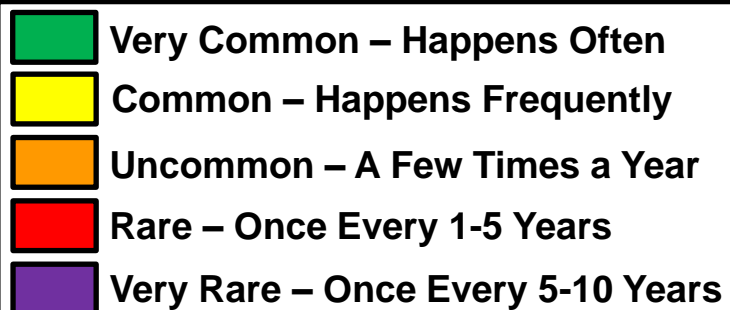
*Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Thu*



Thunderstorms  
expand  
eastward on  
Tuesday

Could see 2-3"  
of rainfall  
Tuesday/  
Wednesday  
over this area

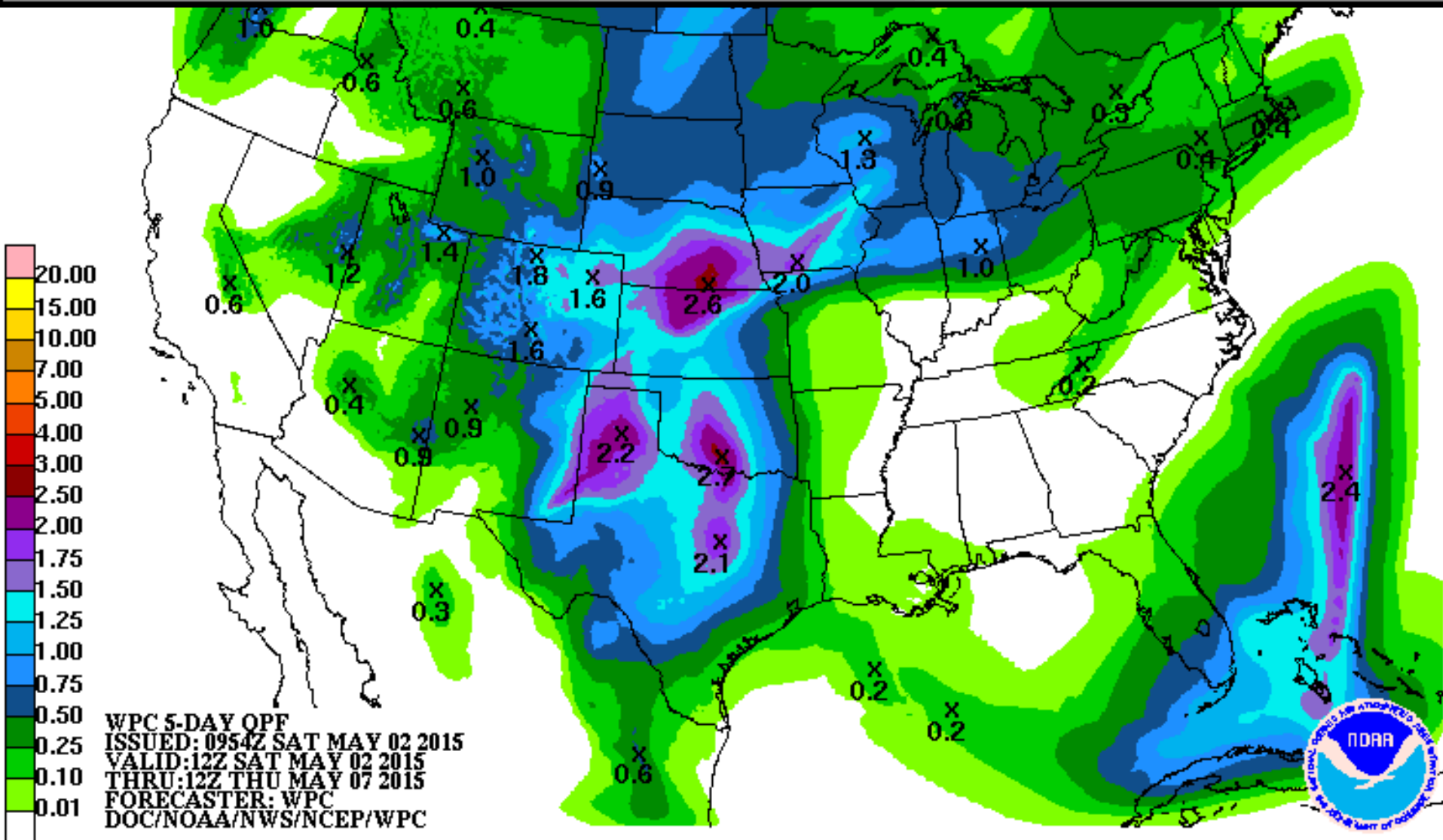
Activity  
continues  
Wednesday



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# 5-Day Precipitation

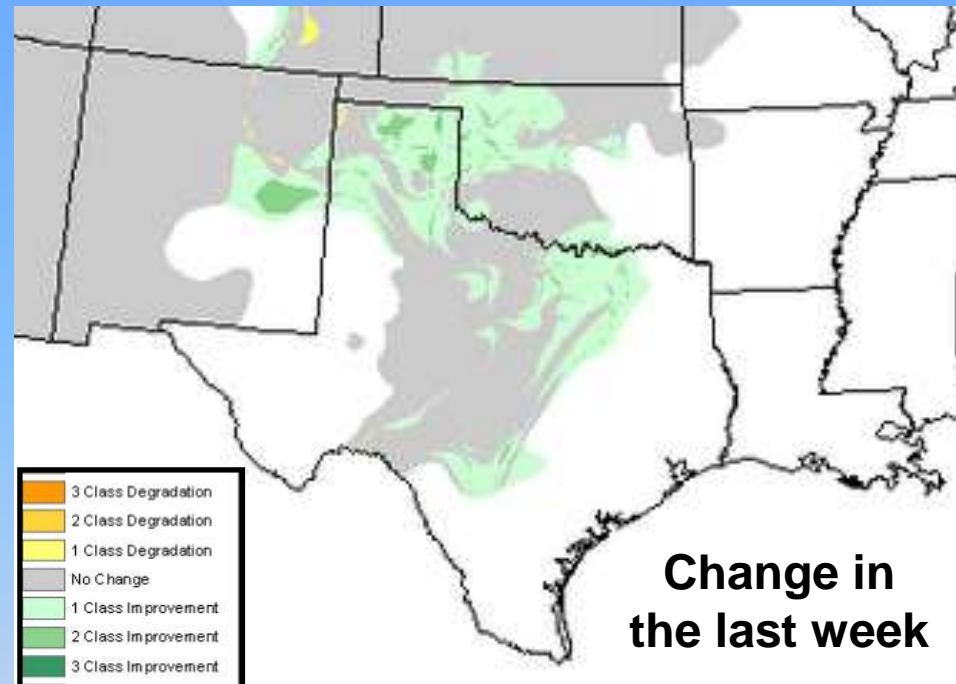
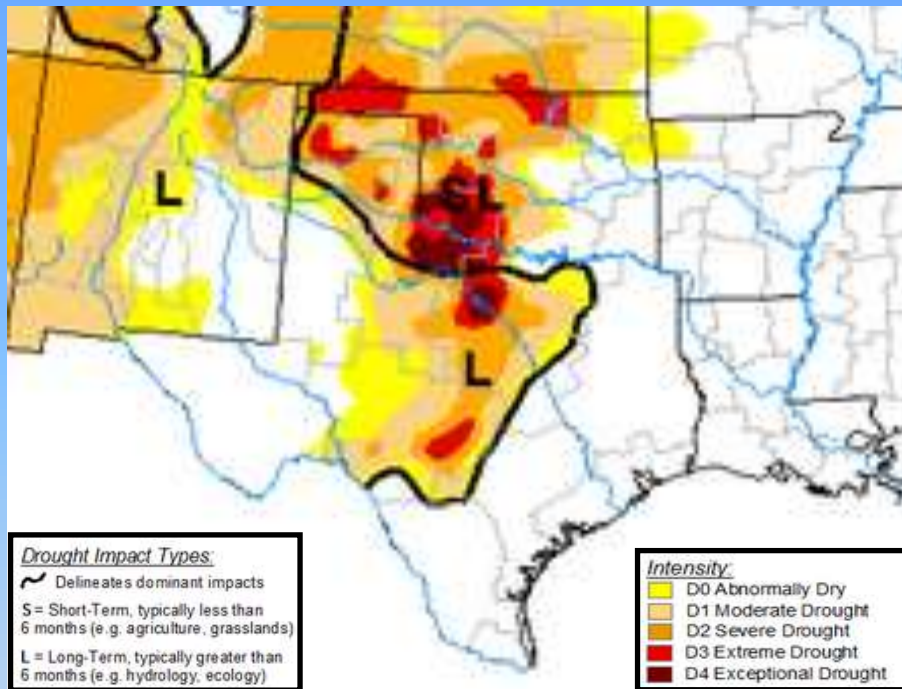
## Sat AM - Thu AM





# Drought Monitor Released April 30th, 2015

Data valid as of Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at 7AM EST



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	24.34%	37.13%	22.58%	39.03%
Texas	5.57%	9.35%	11.24%	37.86%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	3.70%	33.28%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

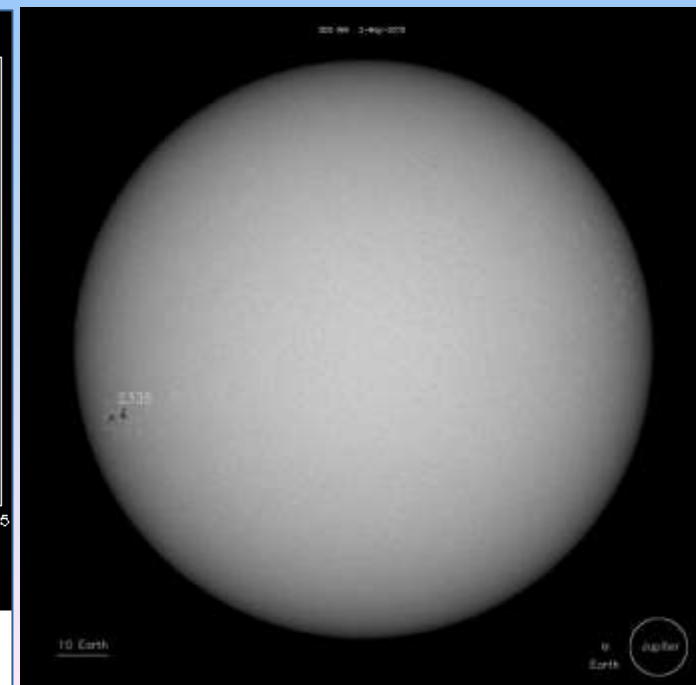
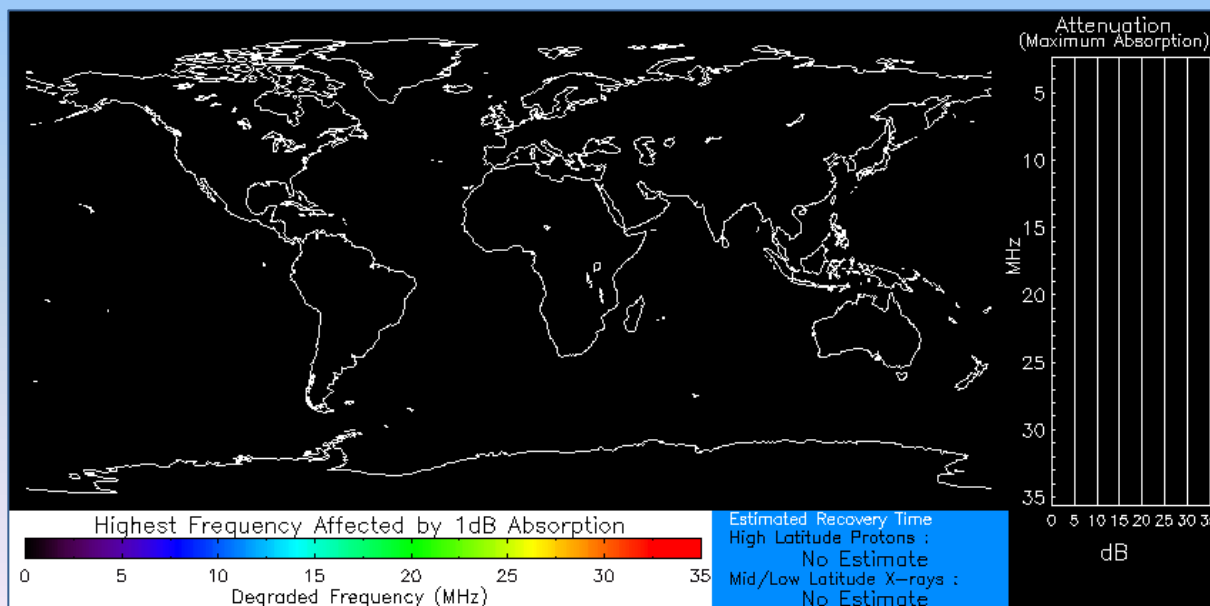
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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